and efficient use, freshwater preservation-quality and its ecosystem, augmentation of freshwater resources and community partnership for informed decision making. Such studies have not been undertaken by the Government under the Fresh Water Year programme.

(c) Does not arise.

Funds allocated to J&K for Irrigation Projects

4169. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have released any amount to the States for projects which improve utilization of irrigation facilities;

(b) if so, the total amount released; and

(c) how much fund has been allotted to Jammu and Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) and (b) The Planning Commission has released an amount of Rs. 54 crore as Additional Central Assistance to the Government of Bihar during the last three years to improve utilization of irrigation facilities. The Central Government is providing Central Loan Assistance under accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme for completion of such approved ongoing major/medium irrigation projects which are in an advanced stage of completion and an amount of Rs. 11541.7 crore has been provided to the States since inception of the programme in 1996-97 upto 31st March, 2003. Under the centrally sponsored Command Area Development Programme with the objective of bridging the gap between irrigation potential created and that utilized through efficient utilization of created irrigation potential and optimizing agricultural production/productivity from irrigated lands on sustainable basis, Central assistance of Rs. 2601.24 crore has been released to the States under the programme since inception in 1974 upto March, 2003.

(c) The Central Government has not released any Additional Central Assistance to Jammu & Kashmir for projects to improve utilization of irrigation facilities. Under AIBP an amount of Rs. 62.509 crore has been provided as Central Loan Assistance to Jammu & Kashmir from 1996-97 upto March, 2003. Under Centrally Sponsored Command Area Development Programme an amount of Rs. 32.34 crore has been provided to Jammu and Kashmir from 1974 upto March, 2003.

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